



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT 12-17 GROUP

RECRUITMENT PACK

DEADLINE:

12pm Friday 30th August 2024

KEY POINTS

For young people aged 8 - 17

For young people interested in having their voices heard, helping make decisions, raising awareness and creating change on issues relating to the impact of cancer on children and young people, and helping other young people impacted by cancer

You can apply if you were referred to Cancer Fund for Children in the past 3 years, or are a young person within 4 years of bereavement

Membership will be from September 2024-June 2026

ABOUT

At Cancer Fund for Children, we aim to ensure that the voices of children and young people are at the heart of our organisation, and they are an active voice in championing change across cancer services.

One way we aim to do this is through Youth Engagement Groups.

There will be 2 groups, one for young people aged 8-11 and another for young people aged 12-17. There will be a maximum of 20 places in total across both age groups.

The group will have young people from across all of our service programmes in Northern Ireland involved, so this will be a diverse group including:

- young people who have/had a cancer diagnosis themselves
- young people whose sibling has/had cancer
- young people whose parent or guardian has/had cancer
- young people who are bereaved through cancer

Membership of the Youth Engagement Groups would be from September 2024-June 2026 (or if the young person turns 18 before June 2026, membership will end on their 18th birthday).

Youth Engagement Group 2023-2024



Working together to help shape our services and represent the views of other young people, creating change on issues relating to the impact of cancer on young people (as a group we will decide what you do and what you focus on).

WHAT'S INVOLVED

Some of the things the Youth Engagement Group have been involved in:

- Consulting with other young people about Cancer Fund for Children services
- Planning and hosting events to ensure we hear the views of other young people
- Being involved in Cancer Fund for Children campaigns
- Sitting on interview panels for new staff members
- Supporting Cancer Fund for Children staff at events e.g,

The Bog Run and Family Events.

The group will meet twice a month - once in person for 1/2 a day (in the past the location for in person meetings has varied between Belfast and Newcastle, however depending on group members home locations we will keep this under review - if young people are using public transport for these sessions, support can be made available with this), and once online using zoom. In addition, we have an online platform to communicate between sessions. For the 12-17 age group we will also have 2, 1 night, residential per year.

There is also the possibility of additional project work and opportunities to contribute to the work of Cancer Fun for Children throughout the year.



SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS

We understand for young people in hospital or undergoing treatment, that in person meet ups, or committing to a longer term group might not work, please do not let this deter you from applying to be a Youth Engagement member - let us know and we can look at various accommodations to ensure your involvement.

Training will be provided and there will also be regular check-in sessions for young people involved with the staff team to talk about how they're finding being on the group, if there's any support they need and to look at personal goals they might have for their involvement in the group.

Some of the young people who were part of the group last year will be involved again this year, so can help the new members by sharing their experiences from last year

MORE INFO

If you have any questions, need more information on the Youth Engagement Groups or

applying, please contact Joanna:

07890947370  joanna@cancerfundforchildren.com

HOW TO APPLY

1

Complete all questions on the attached application form.

2

Submit your application to joanna@cancerfundforchildren.com before 12pm on Friday the 30th August.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

After applications close on 30th August, our Youth Engagement Team will

review all applications and make the selection of the young people who will join the Youth Engagement Groups this year. We'll be in contact with everyone who applied to let them know if they were selected or not by Thursday 5th September.

We'll need consent forms completed as soon as possible for all the new members, so we'll be in touch with parents/guardians about this.